

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Postal Service Mail Carriers (43-5052)

Associated Occupation: Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service (43-9051)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 59

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Production and Processing	6.0	5.9	2.8	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation and Control	5.4	7.3	5.2	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Operation Monitoring	6.6	6.9	5.9	< A higher skill level may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 80

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
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Near Vision	11.1	9.2	9.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Finger Dexterity	7.6	8.2	7.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Trunk Strength	5.7	7.3	6.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 96

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Distribute correspondence or mail	76
Fill out business or government forms	42
Insert mail into slots of mail rack	92
Inspect outgoing mail for conformance to standards or accuracy	92
Operate alpha or numeric mail sorting systems	92
Provide customer service	14
Provide customer service in postal or mail service setting	89
Sort mail letters or packages	89
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use oral or written communication techniques	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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